

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOSS POINT, MISSISSIPPI,  
OPPOSING THE PROPOSED STRATEGIC PETROLEUM  
RESERVE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Moss Point is known as The River City for its long history and relationship to the Pascagoula and Escatawpa rivers;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Moss Point is one of many cities along the Pascagoula River basin that rely on the river for its livelihood as a source of commerce, recreation and nourishment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pascagoula River has the distinction of being the largest free-flowing river system within the lower forty-eight states; and

**WHEREAS**, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project is also known as the Richton Salt Dome; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richton Salt Dome project is intended to use 50 million gallons of water daily from the Pascagoula River in order to hollow out four storage areas in the salt dome; and

**WHEREAS**, the saline-filled water from the project will be returned to the Gulf of Mexico off the Pascagoula Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the daily removal of 50 million gallons of water will have a deleterious affect on the Pascagoula River, its ecosystem, as well as the communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Moss Point has the duty and obligation to preserve, secure and protect the viability and character of the Pascagoula River system and its dependent ecosystem. And

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY  
OF MOSS POINT, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Richton Salt Dome project is not in the best interest of preserving, securing and protecting the viability and character of the Pascagoula River system and its dependent ecosystem, that said project will create untold hardship to the Mississippi Sound and its ecosystem as well, and therefore the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Moss Point stand in unflinching opposition to the Richton Salt Dome project.

The above Resolution was introduced by Alderman Michael Middleton,  
seconded by Alderman George Martin and received the following vote:

Alderman Charles Molden	Yea
Alderman James Smith	Yea
Alderman Nancy Norvel	Yea
Alderman Michael Middleton	Yea
Alderman Thomas Hightower	Absent
Alderman George Martin	Yea
Alderman Aneice Liddell	Yea

Resolved, this the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2008

**Attest:**

  
Adlean Liddell, City Clerk

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Xavier Z. Bishop, Mayor